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Brooke Grove Elementary

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### 9.10.23

Dear Brooke Grove Families,

We had a wonderful Back to School Night on Thursday. It was great to see all the parents that came to meet the teachers and see and hear about what a fantastic year we are going to have together! Thank you for your attendance. I want to thank our PTA for a fun-filled Back to School picnic on Friday evening. We gathered on the playground for food, games and fun. The show by the Kangaroo Kids Jump Rope Team was impressive and inspiring - we are going to get some more jump ropes for recess!

Our new fence project is almost finished. The existing fence at the back of the playground has been pushed back about three feet to give more space for basketball and our Buddy Bench. This section of fence has also been extended the length of our blacktop. On the side, the fence is extended all the way to the brick wall to enclose that section of the playground. There will be gates installed on the asphalt pathway, and the gates on our PreK playground area will be fitted with more secure “pool latches”. We ask that the community please close the gates if you utilize them, and to also be gentle with the secure latches on the PreK playground, as we have had them in the past and they were broken multiple times. We appreciate everyone’s help to keep our playground safe, functional and clean. We are looking forward to getting our new playground equipment. We are slated for a “playground refresh”, meaning that some of the older equipment will be updated. The equipment has been backordered, and we are excited that it will be installed by the end of the month!

Our security camera project is going well, also. Most of the cameras inside of the school have been installed. Once the servers and the outside cameras are installed, the project will be complete.

If you have questions about Brooke Grove Elementary, please check out our [BGES Parent Handbook](#). If you do not find the information you are looking for, or have suggestions for additional information and resources, [please let me know](#) and we will add it.

Thank you for your collaboration in making the start of the school year such a positive experience! Please see below for more information and updates!

Warmly,  
Jolynn Tarwater, Principal

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WANTED- ROOM PARENTS

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE QR CODE BELOW



### **Sign Up For ParentVUE**

Families new to MCPS are encouraged to sign up for a ParentVUE account. ParentVUE is the online parent portal that serves as the primary communication vehicle for schools to share information regarding grades, attendance, scheduling, access to myMCPS Classroom and more.

### **ParentVUE Quick Guides**

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**Early pick-up:** If it is necessary to pick up your child early from school, please send an email to [Mrs. Cascio](#) and your child's teacher so they can ensure your student is prepared for dismissal. When you come to the front door we will call them down for dismissal. We will not call students out of class until you arrive at school.

**Late arrival:** We still have a few students arriving after 9:00 am. Students will be marked tardy if they are not in the room by 9:00am. If you arrive at 9:00 or later, you will need to walk

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your student into the office to sign the student into school. Please DO NOT let your student off at the curb, please accompany them into the school building.

REMINDER: Students must be accompanied by an adult in the mornings until 8:40 am. We have had many students not accompanied by an adult, which is a safety and security issue. School staff are not available to supervise students until the bell rings at 8:40 am.

### **Absences :** [Report an absence.](#)

Once you complete the online form, that information will go to our attendance secretary and she will mark your child absent. If you do not contact us by 11am then you will receive a phone call to notify you of your child's absence. If we do not hear from you your child's absence will be marked unexcused.

#### **CAFETERIA NEWS**

**Meal prices:** Breakfast—\$1.30; Lunch—\$2.55 (Elementary), \$2.80 (Middle and High)  
Beginning this year, students in Maryland who qualify for reduced-price meals will not be charged for breakfast or lunch meals!



**APPLY  
HERE!**

#### **FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS**

***Apply online NOW so that benefits will be in place when school starts!***

Families who meet certain federal income standards are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. All children use their MCPS ID number at the register so confidentiality is maintained and no child is overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meals. Only one application is needed for all students in a household. **A new application must be completed for any family requesting assistance this school**

**year. The online application is now open for families to submit applications.**  
[www.MySchoolApps.com](http://www.MySchoolApps.com)



**MORE INFO &  
How-To Videos**

**For more information and How-To videos, visit the Food Services website:**  
[www.montgomeryschools.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS](http://www.montgomeryschools.org/departments/food-and-nutrition/meal-payments/#FARMS)

### **After School Enrichment**

Big Learning has Foreign Language classes and Science & Engineering classes after school located at Brooke Grove ES. The registration link is <https://biglearning.asapconnected.com>.

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Classes are open for registration. These activities are not sponsored by BGES, but we have had a long time successful collaboration with Big Learning.

### [Saturday School](#)

Registration for the George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy (Saturday School) is open. Saturday School provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is in 12 school locations across Montgomery County and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with breakfast provided at 8:00 a.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

**IMPORTANT DATES** [Click here](#) for a list of events/dates for the school year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, Sept. 4		No School for students and teachers
Thursday, Sept. 7	7:00-8:30 pm	Back to School Night -only for K-5
Friday, Sept. 8	5:30-8:00 pm	PTA Back to School Picnic
Wednesday, Sept. 22	12:55 pm	Early Release Day
Thursday, Sept. 21	3:30 pm	PreK Parent Back to School Meeting
Monday, Sept. 25		No School for Students and Teachers
Wednesday, Oct. 4	8:30-9:00 am	Walk your child to school day
Friday , Oct 6	9:15am	Individual Pictures 9:15 am
Monday, Oct. 9		Professional Day - No school for students